

House Resolution 611

By: Representatives Day of the 163rd, Burkhalter of the 50th, Keen of the 179th, Jones of the 46th, Ehrhart of the 36th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and honoring Colonel James P. Locklear, a true American patriot and
2 outstanding citizen; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Colonel James P. Locklear is a Georgia native born on Tybee Island; and

4 WHEREAS, Colonel Locklear served his country bravely and faithfully in the United States
5 Army, Infantry; and

6 WHEREAS, upon 27 years of honorable service in the military, he retired and returned to
7 his home on Tybee Island; and

8 WHEREAS, although retired, Colonel Locklear did not shy away from public service; he
9 continued his dedicated work for his community by serving two terms as a City Councilman
10 and as Mayor of Tybee Island from 1994 to 1996; and

11 WHEREAS, his incredible commitment to others is further demonstrated by his many
12 important public contributions, including establishing Boy Scout Troop 154, acting as
13 Commander of the American Legion Post 154, and serving as the founding member of the
14 Tybee Arts Association, Tybee Marine Science Center, and Tybee YMCA; and

15 WHEREAS, this outstanding public servant is also currently an active member of the
16 Optimist Club of Chatham County, Georgia, the Youth Futures Authority, and Congressman
17 Jack Kingston's Candidate Selection Board for the United States Military Academy; and

18 WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to his wife of 50 years, Mary Hamm Locklear; a loving
19 father to their three children Michael, Dianne, and Daniel; and a proud grandfather to his
20 seven grandchildren, Danny, Samantha, Heather, James, Catherine, Matthew, and Rachel;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, this exceptional officer, public servant, and citizen has exhibited amazing
23 leadership, patriotism, and dedication to his country and to the world community, and the
24 State of Georgia owes an enormous debt of gratitude to this man of extraordinary character;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this man who has personally contributed so
27 much to the citizens of this state, often with great personal sacrifice to himself and his family,
28 be appropriately recognized.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
30 this body honors Colonel James P. Locklear for his illustrious and selfless service to our
31 nation and commend him for his lifetime of faithful service to his community and his many
32 contributions to Georgia.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Colonel James P. Locklear.